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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: William G. Fish et al.  
Application No.: 10/086,221  
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For: VACUUM CLEANER BAG DOCKING ASSEMBLY

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**Box NON-FEE AMENDMENT**  
**Assistant Commissioner for Patents**  
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Dear Sir:

**AMENDMENT**

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This is in response to the Office Action dated November 5, 2002. Please reconsider the application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

**In the Claims**

Please correct claim 14 and amend claims 15, 24 and 35 as follows:

14. (Corrected) A vacuum cleaner bag docking assembly, as claimed in claim 1, for use with vacuum cleaner bags in which the collar has opposing side margins, an end margin, and corner portions between the end margin and the opposing side margins, and in which at least one corner portion is beveled at an angle to the end margin and the adjacent side margin; the bag docking assembly comprising a portion which closely conforms to the at least one corner portion.

15. (Amended) A vacuum cleaner bag comprising:  
an air-permeable bag having an opening; and  
a collar attached to the bag surrounding the opening, the collar having an end edge, a first side edge, a second side edge opposing the first side edge, an orientation surface, and a recess adjacent the end edge,